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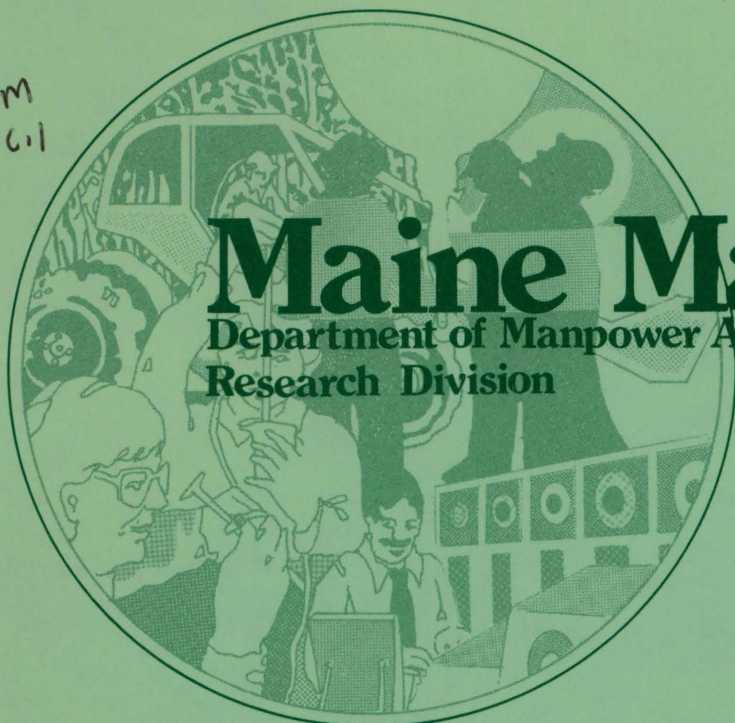
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LABOR MARKET INFORMATION NOW USED IN MEDICARE HOSPITAL REIMBURSEMENT CALCULATIONS

IN 1974, THE HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE ESTABLISHED A SCHEDULE OF LIMITS ON THE HOSPITAL INPATIENT GENERAL ROUTINE OPERATING COSTS WHICH MAY BE REIMBURSED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UNDER MEDICARE. THIS PROCEDURE LIMITS REIMBURSABLE COSTS TO THOSE RECOGNIZED AS REASONABLE FOR THE EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF NEEDED HEALTH SERVICES. AUTHORITY TO SET THESE REIMBURSEMENT LIMITS WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE 1972 SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENTS.

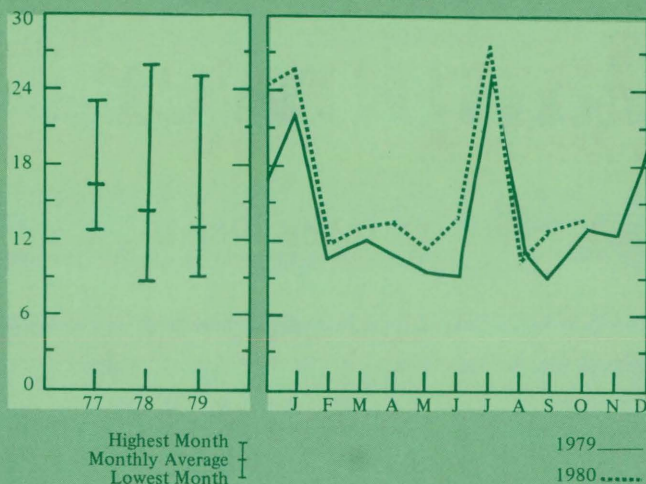
ACCORDING TO ESTIMATES OF HEALTH CARE EXPENDITURES REPORTED IN THE JUNE 1, 1979 FEDERAL REGISTER, WAGES AND SALARIES ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF TOTAL INPATIENT GENERAL ROUTINE OPERATING COSTS. IN RECOGNITION OF THE INTER-AREA DIFFERENCES IN HOSPITAL LABOR COSTS, THE HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION DEVELOPED A WAGE INDEX TO ADJUST THE LABOR COMPONENT OF THIS REIMBURSEMENT LIMIT. THE INDEX IS CALCULATED FROM EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE INFORMATION WHICH IS SUMMARIZED FROM THE EMPLOYERS' QUARTERLY REPORTS OF WORKERS COVERED BY THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM AS PROVIDED IN THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW IN MAINE. SINCE THE INDEX IS CALCULATED ON AN AREA BASIS, THE LIMIT FOR AN INDIVIDUAL HOSPITAL WILL REFLECT THE WAGE LEVELS APPROPRIATE TO THE AREA IN WHICH THE HOSPITAL IS LOCATED. THE MOST RECENT INDEX, BASED ON 1978 DATA, WILL BE USED TO ADJUST LIMITS FOR HOSPITALS WHOSE COST REPORTING PERIODS BEGIN ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1980. THE HOSPITAL WAGE INDEX IS USED TO ADJUST AN ESTABLISHED REIMBURSEMENT LEVEL TO THE WAGE STRUCTURE OF THE LOCAL LABOR MARKET AND IS APPLIED TO A REIMBURSABLE SCHEDULE ACCORDING TO SUCH FACTORS AS THE LOCATION (URBAN OR RURAL) AND SIZE OF THE HOSPITAL.

Source: Monthly Labor Review, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, September 1980.

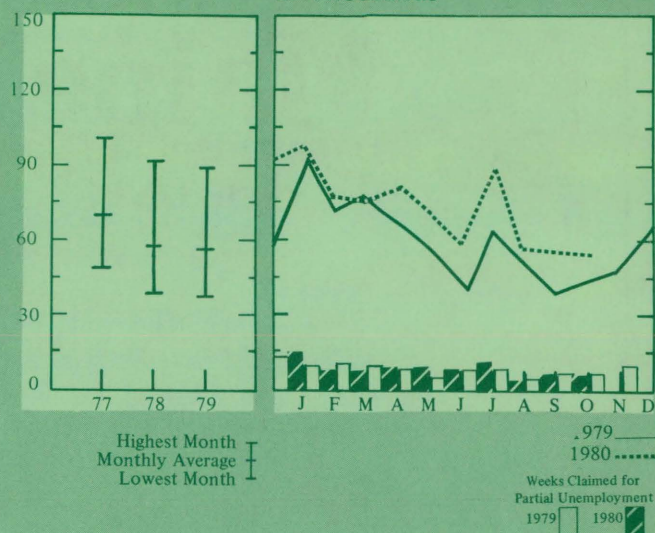
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UI Initial Claims in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed in Thousands



Labor Turnover Rates in Maine Manufacturing Industries Per 100 Employees

INDUSTRY TITLE	ACCESSION RATES									SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Recalls			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Sept. 1980	Aug. 1980	Sept. 1979	Sept. 1980	Aug. 1980	Sept. 1979	Sept. 1980	Aug. 1980	Sept. 1979	Sept. 1980	Aug. 1980	Sept. 1979	Sept. 1980	Aug. 1980	Sept. 1979	Sept. 1980	Aug. 1980	Sept. 1979
Manufacturing	5.2	7.1	6.1	3.7	5.1	4.6	1.3	1.3	1.2	6.6	6.3	7.8	3.3	3.5	4.3	2.3	1.8	2.4
Durable Goods	3.8	3.9	5.3	2.4	2.3	4.5	1.0	1.2	0.3	4.1	5.0	4.9	2.2	2.2	3.4	1.0	1.8	0.4
Lumber and Wood Products ..	6.5	6.3	5.9	3.3	3.2	4.8	2.3	2.4	0.5	5.7	7.8	7.1	3.0	3.3	4.9	1.5	3.0	0.7
Metals and Machinery	3.3	3.6	5.5	2.8	2.3	4.8	0.2	1.0	0.1	3.1	3.4	4.4	2.0	1.9	2.9	0.3	0.7	0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.4	1.6	4.0	0.6	1.2	3.7	0.7	0.3	0.2	3.4	3.9	2.8	1.4	1.5	1.9	1.4	2.0	0.4
Non durable Goods	6.1	8.8	6.4	4.5	6.6	4.6	1.5	2.1	1.7	8.1	7.1	9.4	4.0	4.3	4.8	3.1	1.7	3.6
Food and Kindred Products ...	10.3	23.5	12.4	5.8	17.0	5.6	4.5	6.5	6.8	22.2	12.5	23.8	6.6	5.4	7.2	15.0	6.0	15.5
Textile Mill Products	4.7	4.1	6.6	3.1	2.7	5.5	1.3	1.0	0.8	7.0	8.6	9.1	3.4	4.5	5.1	2.5	3.2	2.9
Apparel	4.7	5.8	4.5	4.5	5.2	3.1	0.2	0.5	1.3	4.4	5.5	5.7	3.2	3.7	5.1	0.2	0.0	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	1.4	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.9	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	3.5	2.8	3.2	2.4	1.7	2.7	0.2	0.4	0.1
Leather and Leather Products ..	8.3	11.2	7.8	7.3	8.9	6.3	0.8	2.2	1.3	6.5	8.3	8.3	4.8	6.5	5.5	0.5	0.5	1.6
Other Non durable Goods	6.4	3.9	7.6	4.0	2.6	6.3	2.3	1.3	1.2	5.3	5.1	8.7	3.0	2.8	4.2	1.2	1.0	3.3

Female Labor Force in Maine in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	207.8	212.0	209.2
Unemployed	17.2	18.4	16.7
(Percent)	8.3	8.7	8.0
Resident Employed	190.6	193.6	192.5
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes ..	0.0	0.2	0.0



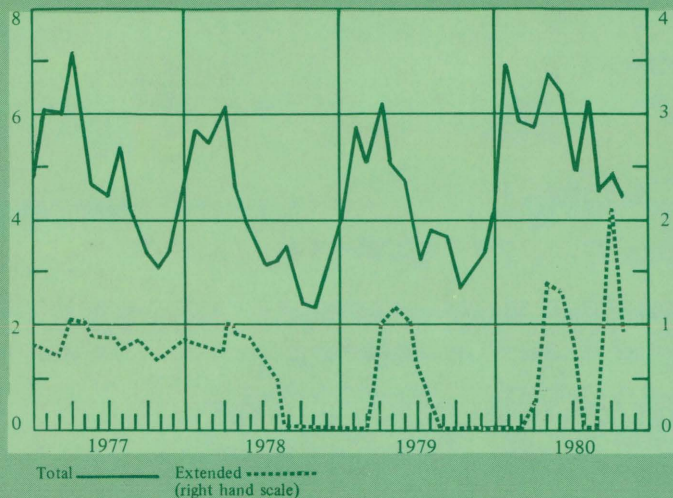
Selected Employment Security Activities



UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

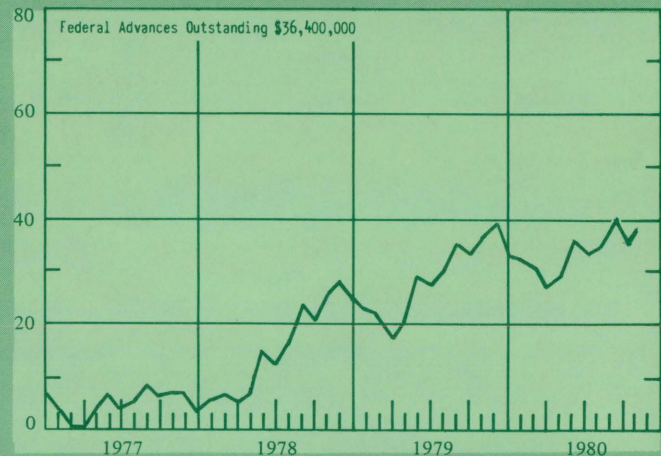
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation

Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



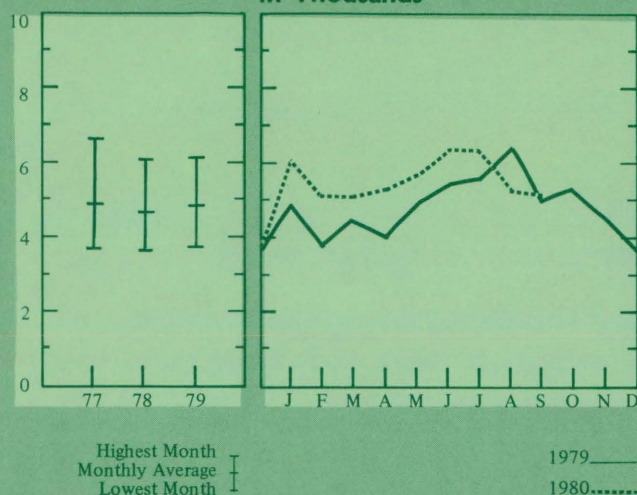
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary ^{1/}	421.3	422.4	423.0	92.5	91.9	91.2	35.8	35.8	36.2
Total Manufacturing	114.5	114.4	114.4	17.7	18.0	17.7	12.2	12.1	12.1
Durable Goods	41.7	41.8	43.2	7.6	7.7	8.3	2.3	2.2	2.3
Lumber and Wood Products ^{2/}	13.9	14.0	15.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	16.5	16.4	17.1	6.2	6.3	6.7	1.8	1.7	1.8
Other Durable Goods ^{3/}	11.3	11.4	10.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.4	0.4	0.4
Nondurable Goods	72.8	72.6	71.2	10.1	10.3	9.4	9.9	9.9	9.8
Food and Kindred Products	11.0	11.6	10.8	2.1	2.2	2.1	1.4	1.5	1.4
Textile Mill Products	7.8	7.9	8.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.8	2.0
Apparel	4.6	4.6	4.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.9	17.2	18.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.7
Leather and Leather Products	21.3	21.2	19.5	3.4	3.4	2.9	3.7	3.6	3.4
Footwear (except Rubber)	(17.9)	(17.8)	(16.2)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(3.3)	(3.2)	(3.0)
All Other	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.3)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.4)
Other Nondurable Goods ^{4/}	10.2	10.1	10.3	4.6	4.7	4.4	2.4	2.4	2.3
Total Nonmanufacturing	306.8	308.0	308.6	74.8	73.9	73.5	23.6	23.7	24.1
Contract Construction	21.0	21.5	21.2	4.0	4.0	4.1	1.4	1.5	1.8
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.5	19.6	19.2	5.4	5.4	5.5	1.2	1.2	1.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	89.2	90.8	91.6	25.7	25.8	25.2	8.4	8.4	8.7
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	16.8	17.0	16.5	7.6	7.6	7.2	1.6	1.7	1.5
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	77.1	79.5	75.6	18.5	19.0	18.6	7.8	7.8	7.6
Government	83.2	79.6	84.5	13.6	12.1	12.9	3.2	3.1	3.4
Federal	(17.9)	(17.8)	(17.8)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(0.3)	(0.2)	(0.3)
State and Local ^{5/}	(65.3)	(61.8)	(66.7)	(12.2)	(10.7)	(11.5)	(2.9)	(2.9)	(3.1)
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

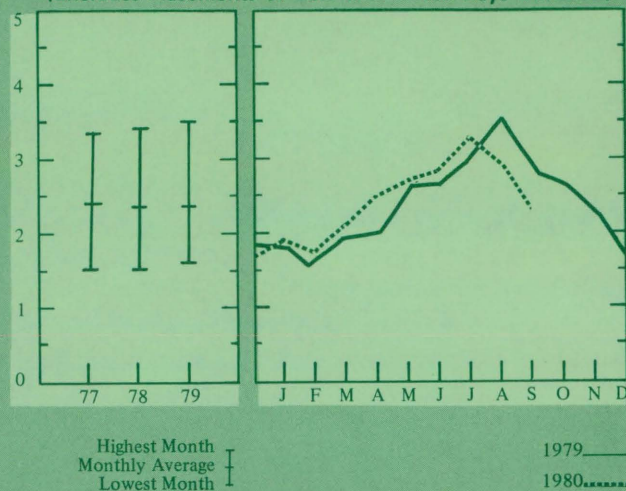
^{1/}Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. ^{2/}Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. ^{3/}Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. ^{4/}Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. ^{5/}Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication.

New Applications For Work in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1979	1978	1977
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	\$248.62	\$246.21	\$225.12	40.1	40.1	40.2	\$6.20	\$6.14	\$5.60	\$5.42	\$4.91	\$4.52
Durable Goods	264.96	262.68	236.47	40.7	40.6	40.7	6.51	6.47	5.81	5.61	5.13	4.77
Lumber and Wood Products ..	259.61	259.26	231.49	40.5	40.7	40.4	6.41	6.37	5.73	5.49	5.02	4.60
Metals and Machinery	243.61	240.20	219.37	40.2	39.9	40.7	6.06	6.02	5.39	5.27	4.92	4.64
Other Durable Goods	302.54	298.19	268.79	41.5	41.3	41.1	7.29	7.22	6.54	6.26	5.63	5.29
Nondurable Goods	239.20	237.41	218.10	39.8	39.9	39.8	6.01	5.95	5.48	5.31	4.79	4.39
Food and Kindred Products ...	184.60	185.82	180.12	36.7	38.0	38.0	5.03	4.89	4.74	4.65	4.25	3.92
Textile Mill Products	196.00	193.55	183.77	40.0	39.5	40.3	4.90	4.90	4.56	4.40	4.03	3.74
Apparel	172.17	175.22	151.47	36.4	37.6	34.9	4.73	4.66	4.34	4.15	3.83	3.53
Paper and Allied Products	402.40	405.17	361.46	46.9	46.2	46.4	8.58	8.77	7.79	7.44	6.71	6.13
Leather and Leather Products .	177.51	177.49	155.73	36.6	36.9	36.3	4.85	4.81	4.29	4.23	3.88	3.56
Other Nondurable Goods	205.28	203.45	190.51	39.1	39.2	39.2	5.25	5.19	4.86	4.80	4.25	3.94
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	234.00	233.63	215.21	39.0	39.2	39.2	6.00	5.96	5.49	5.32	4.94	4.60
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	197.08	190.88	176.05	37.9	37.5	36.6	5.20	5.09	4.81	4.66	4.18	3.85

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items	253.9	251.7	225.4	229.9
Percent Change for Past Month				+ 0.9
Percent Change from Last December				+10.4
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago				+12.6

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE- Statewide	504.7	518.5	491.4	469.4	481.4	460.0	35.3	37.1	31.4	7.0	7.2	6.4
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	41,400	40,900	40,700	38,800	38,200	38,400	2,600	2,700	2,300	6.3	6.6	5.7
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	30,000	30,200	29,600	27,900	27,900	27,400	2,100	2,300	2,200	7.0	7.6	7.4
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	38,500	38,700	39,100	35,800	35,900	36,800	2,700	2,800	2,300	7.0	7.2	5.9
Portland SMSA	90,200	89,400	88,000	84,900	84,300	83,500	5,300	5,100	4,500	5.9	5.7	5.1
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	29,390	29,180	28,780	27,170	27,160	26,790	2,220	2,020	1,990	7.6	6.9	6.9
Bath-Brunswick	21,070	21,320	21,190	19,840	20,000	20,010	1,230	1,320	1,180	5.8	6.2	5.6
Belfast	10,310	10,450	10,900	9,200	9,230	9,790	1,110	1,220	1,110	10.8	11.7	10.2
* Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset . .	7,270	8,150	7,070	6,750	7,630	6,610	520	520	460	7.2	6.4	6.5
Calais-Eastport	16,040	16,530	15,980	14,650	15,090	14,740	1,390	1,440	1,240	8.7	8.7	7.8
Caribou-Presque Isle	25,790	30,170	20,810	23,860	27,410	18,350	1,930	2,760	2,460	7.5	9.1	11.3
Central Penobscot	3,550	3,450	3,750	3,350	3,240	3,590	200	210	160	5.6	6.1	4.3
* Dover-Foxcroft	6,600	6,500	6,220	6,120	6,060	5,930	480	440	290	7.3	6.8	4.7
Ellsworth	19,090	20,320	18,310	17,840	19,060	17,240	1,250	1,260	1,070	6.5	6.2	5.8
Farmington	12,760	12,750	12,400	11,880	11,780	11,590	880	970	810	6.9	7.6	6.5
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,260	6,810	4,770	4,880	6,350	4,450	380	460	320	7.2	6.8	6.7
Greenville	1,380	1,430	1,360	1,320	1,350	1,310	60	80	50	4.3	5.6	3.7
Houlton	6,360	7,070	5,080	5,820	6,360	4,830	540	710	250	8.5	10.0	4.9
Lincoln-Howland	5,210	5,070	5,280	4,900	4,740	5,020	310	330	260	6.0	6.5	4.9
Livermore Falls	5,020	5,210	5,130	4,560	4,760	4,720	460	450	410	9.2	8.6	8.0
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,450	5,250	4,600	4,000	4,770	4,030	450	480	570	10.1	9.1	12.4
Mechanic Falls	2,630	2,810	2,710	2,420	2,540	2,490	210	270	220	8.0	9.6	8.1
Millinocket-East Millinocket . .	5,420	5,430	5,120	5,200	5,200	4,960	220	230	160	4.1	4.2	3.1
Patten-Island Falls	3,710	4,230	2,740	3,360	3,790	2,590	350	440	150	9.4	10.4	5.5
Rockland	16,800	17,210	17,240	15,480	16,000	16,320	1,320	1,210	920	7.9	7.0	5.3
Rumford	21,220	21,680	20,710	19,530	19,870	19,430	1,690	1,810	1,280	8.0	8.3	6.2
Sebago Lake Region	10,820	11,080	11,420	9,930	10,130	10,670	890	950	750	8.2	8.6	6.6
Skowhegan	19,260	19,280	18,180	17,520	17,540	16,620	1,740	1,740	1,560	9.0	9.0	8.6
Kittery-York	16,910	19,630	16,460	16,390	19,010	16,100	520	620	360	3.1	3.2	2.2
Southwest Penobscot	6,290	6,260	6,770	5,390	5,290	5,960	900	970	810	14.3	15.5	12.0
Waterville	22,070	22,150	21,120	20,690	20,810	19,890	1,380	1,340	1,230	6.3	6.0	5.8
OTHER												
NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,614.9	1,582.7	n/a	1,521.8	1,508.9	n/a	93.1	73.9	n/a	5.8	4.7
Massachusetts	2,964.0	2,913.0	2,843.8	2,798.0	2,740.0	2,719.9	167.0	173.0	123.9	5.6	5.9	4.4
New Hampshire	n/a	462.9	449.3	n/a	443.2	435.8	n/a	19.7	13.5	n/a	4.3	3.0
Rhode Island	459.2	457.4	450.7	432.2	429.7	424.5	27.0	27.7	26.2	5.9	6.1	5.8
Vermont	n/a	249.8	242.6	n/a	235.1	233.0	n/a	14.7	9.5	n/a	5.9	3.9
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,698.0	5,569.1	n/a	5,369.8	5,322.1	n/a	328.2	247.0	n/a	5.8	4.4
UNITED STATES 3/	105,415	104,720	103,939	97,933	97,256	98,158	7,482	7,464	5,781	7.1	7.1	5.6

Area Definitions

LMA - Labor Market Area

SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

* October 1979 unemployment estimates amended July 1980.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partial)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	11,169	11,668	8,522	1,670	1,597	1,186	850	878	533
Insured Unemployment Rate *.	2.8	2.9	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.5	2.5	2.6	1.5

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	11.8	11.8	12.9
Clerical and Sales	17.6	16.4	19.2
Service	9.1	7.6	8.9
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	2.2	1.8	1.9
Processing	4.5	6.8	7.7
Machine Trades	11.1	11.2	10.0
Benchwork	9.2	9.7	9.8
Structural Work	18.3	17.2	14.0
Miscellaneous	16.2	17.5	15.6

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	52.3	52.3	63.4
Under 22	8.8	7.4	11.6
22-24	3.2	3.6	12.1
25-34	38.4	38.3	30.8
35-39	1.9	3.0	8.9
Total 40 and Over	47.7	47.7	36.6
40-44	18.2	18.5	7.9
45-54	13.8	13.1	14.0
55-64	11.1	12.0	11.5
65 and Over	4.6	4.1	3.2

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

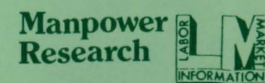
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